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"Conspiracy of the Doomed;" produced in 1950 by Mosfilm Studies, Moscow, USSR.

A survey of June, July and August 1950 newspapers published in Moscow, Leningrad, and capital cities of 14 of the other 15 union republics indicated that the film was released for public showing through the regular channels of the Ministry of Cinematography USSR, the dates it was shown in the various capital cities, and the number of theaters in which it appeared in a given city.

Information on audience attendance, private showings, and local or national consorship of the film were not given in the daily press. The few notices of audience reaction that were published contained the usual type of praise for the film and for Soviet foreign policy, and the usual condemnation of US imperialism.

Although the film was not shown in most capital cities until 26 June, it had opened on 1/4 June in Frunze, Kirgiz SSR, where it played until 27 June.

Outside of Moscow, where the film had its longest run -- from 26 June through 7 August, it averaged the usual two-week run.

A Information on showings in Ashkhabad, Turkmen SSR, was not available in GIA. Neither Ukrainian nor Russian language papers published in Kiev, Ukrainian SSR, carry film notices, but it was possible to ascertain the length of time this film ran from the advance notice of the film itself and the date advance notices of the next major release, "Zhukovskiy," appeared. Zarva Vostoka, published in Tbilisi, Georgian SSR, also does not carry film notices.

M. K. Kalatzov, producer of the film, and a group of associated artists and technicians, received a second prize of 50,000 rubles in the annual Stalin Prize awards, according to <u>Prayda</u>, 17 March 1951.

The attached chart gives the date the film was shown in the various capital cities, and the number of theaters in which it appeared.

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Numbers in parentheses indicate approximate number of moving picture theaters in city listed.

Other numbers indicate number of theaters showing the film on that date.

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- # indicates end of run...